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DON'T FORGET

Students and faculty should attend final presidential candidate Robert Kennedy's forum at 3:30 p.m. today in Forum Hall.

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New facility expected to change image of university, city

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After courting the Department of Homeland Security for more than three years, Manhattan is officially the future home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility. And though it will not be operational until 2014 or 2015, university administration and faculty and city planners are already preparing for an influx of renowned researchers, agricultural-based businesses, construction workers and their families.

K-STATE RESEARCH

Manhattan was chosen as the location after a selection process that started in 2005, when the DHS announced its intentions to build a national bio-safety facility. Manhattan beat out other location finalists Flora, Miss.; Athens, Ga.; Butner, N.C.; and San Antonio.

Ron Trewyn, the vice president of research at K-State, said he believes the announcement of the NBAF's relocation to Manhattan will be a transformational event for the university and the community.

"It will be something that 20 years from now, I think everyone will look back and say it changed the complexion of K-State as an institution, of Manhattan as a community and of Kansas as a state," he said. "It's that big of a deal."

Scott Rusk, the director of Pat Roberts Hall, which houses the Biosecurity Research Institute, said biosecurity facilities like the NBAF and BRI usually take a couple of years to design, at least two years to construct and close to a year and a half to make sure the facilities are safe and work properly.

Once the final step in the procedure is finished, Trewyn said close to 350 prestigious federal researchers will work in the NBAF. The facility, which supposedly will be located between the BRI and the National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization northeast of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be the property of the DHS, but Trewyn expects collaboration between BRI and veterinary-medicine researchers.

Ralph Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said graduate student researchers could be the biggest beneficiaries of the NBAF, which hires several graduate researchers to work in its labs. He also said he expects the school to be able to attract more high-level graduate students and faculty.

"The spin out of that is certainly an increased national and international interest in what is taking place in Manhattan so it is easier to recruit faculty and staff in an area of cutting-edge research," he said. "People like to be part of a team that's moving forward."

To help the NBAF move forward,

Rusk and Trewyn said the BRI has had talks with the DHS to start "pilot" research projects so the scientists at NBAF can already have a groundwork to build off when they start their research.

Rusk said the BRI is still testing a few facilities, but he expects regulated research to begin later this spring. The BRI is a Biosafety Level 3 facility, which is one level below NBAF, but Trewyn said it can handle almost all diseases that would be studied at the NBAF.

"Our point from the very beginning was that we could accelerate the NBAF mission if it locates here," Trewyn said.

DANGER AND OPPOSITION

Trewyn mentioned three diseases that a BSL-3 facility could not research: Nipah virus, Hendra virus and foot-and-mouth disease.

The Nipah virus, a BSL-4 virus, was discovered in the late 1990s when several pigs were infected in Malaysia, eventually infecting and killing several people. Trewyn said the people had few safety precautions and contracted the disease because they lived in close contact with the pigs and their feces.

Foot-and-mouth disease is one of the most contagious livestock diseases in the world and has debilitated livestock populations in the United Kingdom and East Asia on several occasions. Trewyn said it rarely spreads

to humans and does not cause severe harm when it does.

Though these diseases would devastate the livestock population in the middle section of the U.S., Trewyn said he is not worried about them escaping from the NBAF. He mentioned that the main research facility for the Center for Disease Control, which researches the most contagious human diseases, is located in Atlanta.

Despite the fact that no public exposures have been reported at BSL-4 facilities in Atlanta; Fort Detrick, Md.; Galveston, Texas; and San Antonio; several community members still have expressed caution and sometimes outrage with the location of the NBAF.

Last spring, Gary Conrad, distinguished professor of biology, told the Collegian he believed the NBAF should be located on an island or at least 50 miles from livestock, if it were moved to the mainland. His opinion has not changed since then.

"It's just total lunacy to build the NBAF in the middle of cattle country," Conrad said.

COMMUNITY GROWTH

Manhattan City Commissioner Jim Sherow said the city is already planning housing developments, and retail and school district expansions in preparation of the NBAF. He said he has heard estimates that about 1,500

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Groups place wreaths to remember MLK

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s final campus visit, floral wreaths sponsored by several campus organizations were placed at the bust of King last Friday afternoon near the southeast corner of Ahearn Field House.

K-State was the last college at which King delivered a university speech before his assassination in April 1968.

This is the third year the ceremony has been performed as a part of Martin Luther King Observance Week.

The ceremony began at about 2 p.m. with a procession to the MLK bust from the K-State Student Union. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. led the procession, followed by representatives from the president's office, the provost's office, the College of Agriculture, the College of Aviation and Technology, the College of Engineering, the K-State Student Union, members of the Manhattan community and the K-State Faculty Senate.

Myra Gordan, assistant provost of diversity and dual career development, said the wreath presenters rotate on a yearly basis. Gordon served as the mas-

Photo by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

On a chilly Friday afternoon, members of several campus organizations participate in the wreath ceremony performed as a part of Martin Luther King Observance Week.

ter of ceremonies for the service.

Clarence R. Williams Jr., pastor of Living Word International Ministries in Junction City, gave the invocation and closing prayer for the service.

Following the invocation, the wreaths were placed in front of the bust while Alpha Phi Alpha members sang their fraternal song.

The university bells rang the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," during a moment of peaceful reflection.

"In this week, when we will have inaugurated America's first black president, our celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. takes on a very special significance," Gordon said. "If it were not for his leadership, persever-

ance and personal sacrifice, we would not be at this defining moment, nor would we have this wonderful opportunity to create a better world for all."

During the presentation, representative from HOK architectural firm and K-State alumnus, Antin Luther King Jr. takes on a very special significance," Gordon said. "If it were not for his leadership, persever-

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2 students travel to March for Life

By Ann Conrad
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two students braved the cold and crowds of Washington, D.C., to participate in the March for Life on Thursday.

The March for Life, according to the organization's Web site, is a pro-life movement that protests Roe v. Wade. This year was the 36th March for Life and was held on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade in 1973.

Christy Dowling, freshman in biology and pre-dentistry, said this year seemed more important because of the inauguration, which was just two days before the March.

This was the second year Sophie Mans, freshman in pre-nursing, had attended the March. Last year she went with a different group, but this year, she and Dowling went with a group from the Diocese of Salina. It was Dowling's third year to participate in the March.

Mans said the March started in front of the

Capitol and ended at the Supreme Court Building, which is important because that is where the decision was made and where they hope it will change in the future.

Dowling said the March was about respecting life at all levels and protecting all humans.

Mans said many people attend the event.

"There are thousands of people from all walks of life ... people are really dedicated to the cause," she said.

Dowling said she enjoys seeing all the people who participate in the March.

"It always amazes me every single year how many people, even young people are involved," Dowling said.

The event was so significant to Dowling and Mans that they chose to miss their classes last week, since they left for Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

"It isn't just a protest again abortion," Mans said. "It's an effort to promote the sanctity of human life in all aspects."

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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The College of Business Administration will hold an orientation for students interested in going on the CIMBA trip to Paderno, Italy this summer. The session will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in Calvin 218.

Carmala N. Garizon from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Rochester will give the lecture "Modern rainfall and paleoclimate across northeastern Tibet: Climate consequences of the growth of the Tibetan Plateau" at 4 p.m. today in Thompson 213 as part of the Geology Seminar Series. Refreshments will be provided. The Department of Geology is sponsoring the lecture.

Peters Recreation Complex is seeking officials for intramural basketball. Starting pay is \$7.50 per hour. The training clinic will be at 5 p.m. today. To qualify, you must be a K-State student and attend all three sessions. For more information, contact Armando at 785-532-6980.

A captain/manager meeting for intramural basketball will be at 5 p.m. today in the small gym at Peters Recreation Complex. Play schedules will be issued at this meeting. Teams not represented at this meeting will be put on probation, and one forfeit — for any reason — will drop the team from the remainder of the schedule.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Myungshim Kang at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hale 114. The thesis topic is "Molecular Dynamics Simulations and Theory of Intermolecular Interactions in Solutions."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kuei-I Lee at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Justin 150. The thesis topic is "Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to Assess Participation in Congregate Meal Programs."

There will be an open forum about the expansion of Peters Recreation Complex from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the K-State Student Union Courtyard. There will be preliminary concept plans prepared by student representatives for review and discussion. Input and comments from students, faculty and staff are invited.

Boy Scout Troop 75 is having its Fourth Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 612 Poyntz. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 7 to 11. Children 6 and under eat free. Tickets can be bought at the door or by calling 785-776-8821.

Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional co-ed business fraternity, will have an informational meeting at 6

p.m. on Feb. 4 in Kedzie 004. The first meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 5 in Kedzie 004.

Rec Services is offering the Group Fitness Instructor Training Course for individuals interested in instructing group fitness sessions at Peters Recreation Complex. This 8-week course begins Feb. 4. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

Women on Weights, a free workshop offered by Peters Recreation Complex, will be from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 18. Participants can learn introductory lifting techniques for women. Limited to 30 people. Sign up in the office at the Rec.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. See the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

Kennedy appoints 1st female presidential DOC

On this day in 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Janet Travell, 59, as his personal physician, making her the first woman in history to hold the post.

Travell had an impressive résumé that included graduating with honors from Wellesley College, internships in cardiology, a professorship in clinical pharmacology at Cornell University and an established reputation as a pioneer in the treatment of chronic myofascial pain.

Travell also designed prototypes of what would now be called "ergonomic" chairs.

By the time she became the official presidential physician, Travell, an orthopedist, had worked closely with Kennedy for five years because of his persistent back pain.

—history.com

Also during this week in history:

1785: Georgia incorporates 1st state university

1838: Tennessee passes nation's 1st prohibition law

1950: Republic of India born

1973: U.S. officially ends participation in Cold War

1980: U.S. Olympic committee votes against Moscow games

1986: Space shuttle Challenger explodes

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Public Speaking

Painters, sculptors present geometric, ceramic arts at exhibition

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Strecker-Nelson Gallery presented “Remainder,” an exhibition featuring new art from several painters and sculptors, Friday evening.

The work of William Counter, whose wall hangings consist of mixed-media assemblages, was featured most prominently in the gallery’s primary display room.

Counter used a number of materials to construct his works. In several pieces, he arranged fragments of a wooden yardstick in pentagonal and star-shaped designs. Other, larger works, like one titled “H&R Block” featured geometric shapes – grids and diamonds – outlined in pencil and reinforced with paint. A closer look reveals scraps of newsprint lurking under the paint, with coupon ads and headlines peeking out to highlight the sense of raw data being conquered by the precision of the borders around it.

“Science and math often focus on numbers in a quantitative sense,” Counter said. “This implies a qualitative sense. There’s still a mystery in numbers.”

Bo Bedilion, graduate student in ceramics, showcased about a dozen pieces he has worked on since August.

Bedilion’s “Wheel-thrown, high-fire stoneware” features earthy tones that invoke Kan-



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

During the opening reception of the most recent show at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan residents **Jackie Rawlings**, **Tom Little** and **Lincoln Deihl**, talk while standing among the works of **William Counter**. Counter used a number of materials and featured geometric shapes. The show, called “Remainder,” goes from Jan. 23 - March 7 and features works by 12 different artists.

sas landscapes, he said. Elements of plowed fields and rolling hills combine with stricter architectural forms in his design motif.

Focusing on a sculpture titled “Trophy Vessel,” Angelique Rabus, graduate student in photography, reported admiring the arrangement of color and geometric forms.

“There is gradation and texture in the glaze,” she said.

In all, 12 artists contributed work to “Remainder,” which will be on display until March 7, said

Jay Nelson, co-owner of the gallery.

Ceramic sculptor Larry Peters presented works derived from Haniwa, a Japanese ceramic style that features short cylindrical columns that, centuries ago, were used as grave markers for social elites, he said.

“I’ve taken that basic form and added to it extensively,” Peters said.

His works feature stacked columns, painted in minimalistic

black or white, a technique that allows the sculptures’ forms to stand out.

Louise Thies and Lyn Phariss showcased “Plein Air” paintings, in which natural scenes are painted on site, outdoors.

“You learn so much more about painting outside than by going off of photos in your studio,” Thies said.

The exhibition’s debut was marked by a celebratory mood, enhanced with conversation and

cocktails. In all, roughly 300 people showed up, said Barbara Nelson, co-owner of the gallery.

Many patrons who gathered in the primary gallery, were taken with the visual patterns in Counter’s works.


“You really need to study them,” Janet Stramel said, a middle-school math teacher in Wamego and doctoral student in curriculum and instruction. “You can’t just say ‘that’s beautiful’ and move on. I guess that’s what art is all about.”

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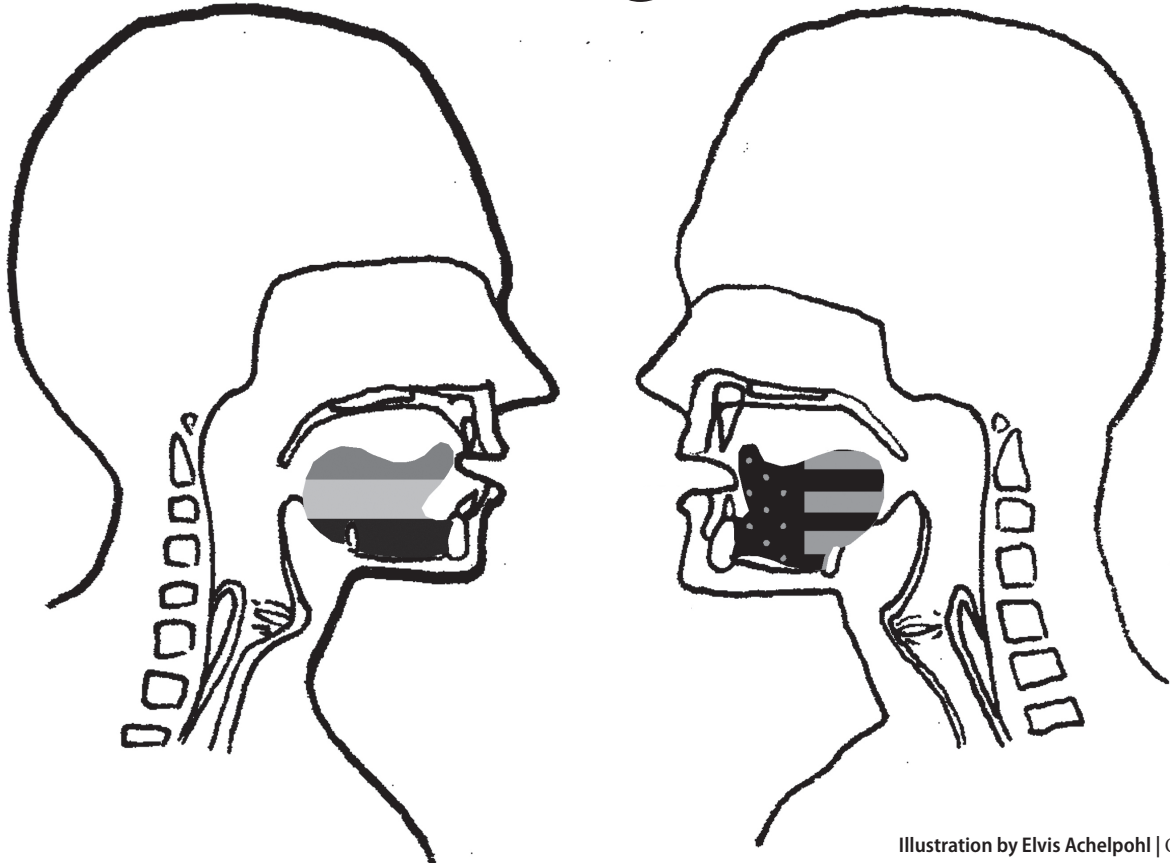


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U.S. citizens need to quit griping, learn a language



MOLLY HAMM

Most would consider the United States to be a proud country – and rightfully so. Democracy, freedom and equality are noble ideals held by our citizens, and the American dream provides many with hope for a better tomorrow. Yet there is one aspect of our nation in which we take pride that is downright irrational and irresponsible. As our world becomes more interconnected, you would be hard pressed to find another country that takes pride in citizens who can only speak only one language.

Each time I hear complaints about immigrants and their inability or unwillingness to speak English, I have to sit and wonder how many of the accusers have tried to learn another language themselves. Surely if they had studied at least one other language at some point in their lives, then they would understand the daunting task of speaking a foreign tongue.

U.S. college students who have studied a foreign language for years are often hesitant about speaking the language to native speakers, fearful of making mistakes.

Imagine the added pressure faced by people learning English when the expectations placed on them by native speakers are unrealistic at best.

Melinda Au, senior in mechanical engineering, has experienced that pressure first hand; her native language is Chinese.

“I believe that practice makes perfect, but it can be intimidating to speak up when you are in a room full of students who speak the language perfectly,” Au said. “Even if you can write the language beautifully, oftentimes the accent makes it hard for people to understand what you have to say.”

Consider this. It often takes between five and seven years for individuals to speak a second language at a level comparable to native speakers. With this in mind, it is absurd that many Americans expect non-native speakers to speak English, a language known for its complexity and difficulty to learn, within only a year or two. Perhaps worse are citizens who express contempt at hearing a language other than English being spoken in the United States.

I would conjecture that, even if I had lived in a new country for a few years, I would speak with my family and friends in the language of my native tongue. We all seem to understand this. In fact, when we go abroad we assume that we will be able to find somebody who can speak English to guide us through a new city.

If we encounter contempt from the citizens of that country, it is likely a result of our expectation that they speak our language in their country rather than our inability to speak theirs.

“Many people take it for granted that they need more than one language to communicate. In America, we can drive a day in any direction and the language is the same – in most of the world, by taking such a trip we would encounter an entirely new language,” said Phillip Harner, junior in industrial engineering.

It is common for industrialized countries around the world to educate their population in more than one language, while foreign-language instruction is often considered an educational fad in the U.S. Yet learning at least a second language is in the best interest of U.S. citizens.

The shrinking world depends on the ability of global citizens to communicate with one another. We cannot expect that all of this communication will happen in English.

In fact, a 2006 article by the Washington Post pointed to a report from the Government Accountability Office that found “nearly 30 percent of State Department employees based overseas in ‘language-designated positions’ are failing to speak and write the local language well enough to meet required levels.” In critical areas including Cairo and Yemen, this number climbs to almost 60 percent.

While the U.S. has a lot of areas in which to be proud, our ability to speak foreign languages is certainly not one of them.

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Hey, Fourum, will you be my Valentine? There aren't enough decent guys at K-State.

If you wanna be my lover, you have to get with my friends. But not literally.

The Buttermilk Gang: five down, one city.

Only in Kansas, where you can wear shorts and a T-shirt and the next day it snows.

I didn't realize when people broke up, it was like middle school all over again.

Poor little obese squirrel. You're using food to medicate your neuroticism.

The Duck Butter Cream Gang will take on the Buttermilk Gang any day.

To the girl that smiled at me in uniform this morning: We should meet.

Yeah, the hot maintenance guy in Moore Hall's name is my husband. And I got your smokes.

What was with the brown clouds today?

Fourum, were you invited to my barbecue? No? Then get out of my group.

This is a taco-burrito conversation. Nacho.

Everybody catch that KU's been cheating again? Nothing new there.

I saw a guy at Wal-Mart who looked like he had a fruit basket on his head and then I realized it was his hair color.

I survived the tornado in Rathbone Hall.

Rowdy Jones is not part of the Buttermilk Gang.

Hey, Blaise, I just lost the game.

The redheaded Irishman is now known as Snoopy.

This is the redheaded Irishman, and you may now call me Snoopy.

I just got flipped off by a guy in a wheelchair.

Just because you're handicapped, doesn't mean you don't have to follow the rules of the road.

Hey, Fourum, I just got hit on by the K-State girls' rugby team. Kinda weird.

I'm currently working on a video game about history and hookers. It's called Grand Theft Ottoman Empire.

The Fourum has no penis.



Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.

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Family works through tragedy, teaches resilience



ROBERT GOMEZ

Last week, I was the unfortunate witness of a heated rant. The man I saw cussed about the world and how everyone in it is an idiot, and how he wishes assault were legal. Initially, I felt empathy as I wondered what made him snap.

As I filtered through the profanity, I identified the cause of his turmoil. He was upset for several reasons. Varney's did not have one of the textbooks he needed, somebody cut him in line when he

was getting dinner, and on the way to his car, two strangers yelled at him. My empathy quickly changed to pity because it really is sad that things so small can seem so big.

In contrast, since October I have been spending part of every weekend with an 11-year-old boy named Raymond Alcantara-Moreno. I met Raymond through a friend last year, after Alheli, his 18-year-old sister, was murdered in Manhattan. Alheli is survived by her mother, Margarita, her older sister, Lizbeth, and Raymond.

Clearly the challenges in the above stories are very different; unfairly losing a family member is much more significant than waiting a little longer for your dinner.

According to the Medical Economics journal, research shows the traits leading to resilience are optimism, belief in your actions and confidence. Though it would be easy for the Alcantara family to curse and hate the world, they

found the motivation to live each day full of passion, optimism and love – the way Alheli would have wanted.

After talking many times with Margarita, I have learned more and more about Alheli. She was a caring individual who not only cared for her own family but everyone she met.

If there was someone in need of assistance, she was there to help. She was a motivated young lady who would push through all obstacles because of her belief that nothing is impossible.

“She wouldn't want us to be face down,” Margarita said. “She would want us to continue the way we always have when she was here. She is with us all the time.”

Since this tragedy, the family has not given up. Margarita will soon finish her degree in education. Lizbeth, junior in family studies and human services, is raising a beautiful boy named Alex. Raymond is

one of the smartest and sweetest kids I have ever met, and I know the sky is the limit for him. However, for now we have been playing basketball, kickball and plan to go swimming in hopes summer will come soon.

The Alcantara family has taught me a lesson I will never forget. They taught me the lesson of what it truly means to be resilient, something we can all take to heart.

If you ever have an awful day, are at a loss for motivation or are struck by tragedy, remember that it is not the events in our lives that define us, but how we react to them. If we respond to struggles with optimism, belief in ourselves and confidence, we will find success in every aspect of life.

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TO THE POINT

Attend the presidential selection forum to join in Q&A

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Today is the final presidential candidate forum. Our staff members have noted that at the previous two forums, few students have been present. We urge all students to attend the forum at 3:30 p.m. today in Forum Hall.

At the end of each forum, there is a session during which audience members get the chance to ask our potential president questions about issues affecting the university.

It might be easy for students to blow off the forum, thinking to themselves, “Why bother? I don't have a say in who is elected,” but this statement is only partly true.

While the Kansas Board of Regents has the final say on who is selected, candidates' responses during the Q&A sessions will be taken into account.

Though we as students do not get to vote, it is our responsibility to form serious questions about the issues we want addressed. If the candidate brushes off the question as unimportant or gives

a subpar response, it will not go unnoticed.

So if you do not have class, attend the forum. Think about what is most important to you at K-State and what sort of changes you think this university needs, and make your voice heard.

One answer to one question just might be the difference between who leads K-State into the future.

THE EDGE

Front and center

Student travels to witness inauguration first hand

Growing up in the South, I never thought I'd see a black president. But for me and many others, Jan. 20, 2009, was the day that changed. I made sure if I was alive on that day, I would get myself to Washington, D.C., to experience history.

My journey started at 6 a.m. Jan. 15. I thought it would just be a quick trip to Kansas City, then Chicago, New York City and end in Baltimore.

That's the travel plan I had hoped for, but it just wasn't in the cards for me. The flight was on time in Kansas City, but once I got to Chicago, all bets were off. Because of the snow in New York, my friends and I got stuck in Chicago for about five hours.

After the long layover in Chicago, we finally got to New York's LaGuardia Airport, which just happened to be the same airport where a plane had crashed into the Hudson River just 20 minutes earlier. We were a little scared, but this was history. Finally, after layovers and crashes, we made it to Washington, D.C., on Thursday night.

People were nice and smiling; it seemed like it was the one place in the world to be. There were fliers for parties everywhere with President Barack Obama's face on them. I was thinking it was crazy but cool at the same time.

After a long day of sightseeing, I ended up getting a few free passes to Love, a famous nightclub in Washington, D.C., where several celebs frequent, and Saturday was no different. Sean "Diddy" Combs was throwing an after-party, so the place was packed with stars. I got a chance to meet a few, including Will.i.am, Stevie Wonder, Gabriel Union, and – my favorite – Shakira. It was a great night.

During the opening ceremonies, I also got a chance to see one of my favorite bands, U2. At that point, I thought the weekend could not get any better, but then President Obama came and spoke to a crowd of over 800,000 about the future.

Monday night, I went out to the city, and the night turned into Tuesday morning. While we were leaving the hotel, I stopped to pick up a newspaper, and we saw Jesse Jackson walking through the lobby. As cool as that was, we couldn't bask in the star-sighting for long because we needed to get to our section for the inauguration ceremony.

I got a chance to see all the people on TV before I left, and it wasn't even 7:30 a.m. yet. At about 8 a.m., the streets were filled with people who were just as excited as we were. It was like New Year's and Christmas combined. People were stuck in lines, but it didn't seem like they cared; they were there for the history that was about to be made. People of different ages and races were there to witness the change that was about to happen.

The security gates slowed down the process of getting through to the National Mall, but people were still happy until about 11:15 a.m. when it was getting close to the start of the program. A group of people got fed up and rushed the barriers to the entrance to make it in on time. Luckily, though, no one got hurt. At 11:30 a.m., we made it in the gate and

waited for the program to start.

At the inauguration, it was great to see all the living presidents come out and witness the love given to them by American citizens. However, the booing toward George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, who was being rolled out in a wheelchair, was disappointing and disrespectful.

When the crowd saw President Obama, it erupted into a party scene like no other. One guest brought in a few bottles of champagne, and my friends and I grabbed one and toasted to the future. I even cried as President Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. To me, it was the perfect ending to the weekend. After Obama's

speech, I hopped on a plane back to Kansas City and back to college life.

According to the Washington Post, about 2 million people were there to take part this historic event, but I was just happy to be one of them and to witness what I hope will be change for the better in the United States and the world.

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COURTESY PHOTOS



TOP: George West, senior in social sciences, (right) poses with friend Samuel Smith in front of the Capitol the weekend of the inauguration. **BOTTOM LEFT:** President Barack Obama takes the stage during the inauguration. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** U2's Bono sings during the opening ceremonies.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It might seem like torture to you now, but one day you will thank your parents for ripping off those fingernails.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20

You will do it for the children this week, which is really too bad, as "it" involves exposing yourself behind some bushes.



Aries March 21 - April 19

Your shortness of breath and wild fainting spells will be cured this week, thanks to a series of well-placed commas.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

People in glass houses should not throw stones, though it is your habit of cooking naked that is really pissing the neighbors off.



Gemini May 21 - June 21

The stars apologize for last week's prediction of "money problems." Looks like they forgot the "k" in there.



Cancer June 22 - July 22

You will soon possess the courage of 10 men and the sexually transmitted diseases of about 50.



Leo July 23 - Aug. 22

The stars foresee a second job promotion in the days to come, though they should probably be telling Dave about it instead of you.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Your creativity will be at an all-time high today, much to the dismay of your wife, the vacuum-cleaner salesman and the dozen or so poodles.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

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Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

You are no art expert, but you know what you like, which explains all the meatball sandwiches hanging on your walls.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Things will look up this week, before bearing their teeth, rearing up on their hind legs and suddenly leaping at your throat.



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You might not be a wealthy man, or a rich man, or even a prosperous man, but then, you do have a mastery of English-language synonyms.

WEEKEND WRAP

NC STATE'S WOMEN'S COACH KAY YOW DIES

Her résumé had almost everything a coach could want, from conference titles and NCAA tournament trips to an Olympic gold medal and more than 700 career victories.

Yet Kay Yow was about so much more than basketball.

The North Carolina State coach was a symbol of hope and courage even as she faced the cancer that ultimately took her life Saturday morning after a two-decade fight. She inspired people who never met her or cared about the sport, even the fans at rival schools in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Yow, first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, died Saturday at the age of 66.

—yahoo.com

TEXAS TEAM SEEKS FORFEIT OF 100-0 WIN

After beating the Dallas Academy by a score of 100-0 The Covenant School is trying to forfeit the game.

The Dallas Academy has eight girls on its varsity team and about 20 girls in its high school.

The Covenant School, a private Christian school, was up 59-0 at halftime and continued to full-court press the Dallas Academy and shoot 3-pointers well into the fourth quarter.

—The Associated Press

MOSLEY DEFEATS MARGARITO IN ROUND 9

Shane Mosley dominated from start to finish, stopping Antonio Margarito at 43 seconds left in the ninth round Saturday night to win the WBA welterweight title in a stunning upset.

The 37-year-old Mosely used his superior quickness from the beginning and Margarito never was able to display the power and fortitude that he showed in his last fight.

Both fighters earned around \$2.4 million.

—yahoo.com

COLLEGE WEEKEND BASKETBALL NEWS

University of Washington beats No. 11 UCLA 86-75 to take the lead in the Pac 10.

No. 2 Duke routs Maryland 85-44 and will likely be ranked No. 1 in the new polls.

No. 3 UCONN beats No. 19 Notre Dame 69-61 ending Notre Dame's 45-game winning streak at home.

Memphis outlasts Tennessee 54-52 and has won 10 straight games.

No. 12 Louisville beats No. 8 Syracuse 67-57 on Sunday.

No. 21 Minnesota holds off Indiana 67-63 for their first win in Indiana since 2004.

—ESPN.com

BECKHAM SCORES FIRST GOAL FOR AC MILAN

If David Beckham does eventually make the move from Los Angeles to Milan – whether it's this spring or next fall – the turning point might have come in Bologna on Sunday.

Making his third consecutive start for AC Milan and playing the full 90 minutes, Beckham had his best outing yet for the seven-time European champion and also scored his first goal.

—LosAngelesTimes.com

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | K-STATE 59, KANSAS 50

Sunflower mowdown



TOP: During the second Sunflower State matchup, **Shalee Lehning** dribbles around a defensive effort. Lehning scored 13 of K-State's 59 points in the 59-50 victory. **BOTTOM:** Forward **Marlies Gipson** shoots over a Jayhawk defender during Saturday's game. Gipson scored a career-high 23 points.

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K-State sweeps KU in Lawrence

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

LAWRENCE – K-State head coach Deb Patterson knew Saturday's game at Kansas would be a challenge. Despite a 72-39 mauling of the Jayhawks in their previous matchup at Bramlage Coliseum, Patterson had her team prepared for a battle.

Her prediction was proven correct as the Wildcats found themselves in a tight game at Allen Fieldhouse. However, with the help of senior forward Marlies Gipson, who scored a career-high 23 points, the Wildcats were able to depart Lawrence with a 59-50 victory, and concluded a perfect two-game road trip.

"I am just extremely proud of our basketball team coming into another road game in the Big 12 [Conference] and getting a road win," Patterson said. "I don't care where you go or who you line up against, it's going to be a tremendous challenge."

The Jayhawks proved early in the game that they were a different team than the Wildcats saw in Manhattan. Behind the effort of junior guard Danielle McCray, Kansas compiled an 8-2 run following a lay-up by Gipson for the Wildcats to open game.

"We came in knowing the talent and ability that Danielle [McCray] brings to the table," Patterson said. "She stepped up and in the last few games against

Nebraska and K-State, and she has asserted herself. I think she is one of the best players in the league without question."

McCray, who scored eight points in the first meeting between the Jayhawks and K-State, finished with a game-high 26 points. However, the Big 12 leading Wildcat defense was able to hold the Jayhawks as a team to 37.3 percent shooting from the floor.

After trailing 8-2 early in the contest, K-State found its offensive flow as the Wildcats went on a 10-2 scoring run. The run included a half-court pass from senior guard Shalee Lehning that caught junior forward Ashley Sweat in stride underneath the basket for an easy lay-up. Gipson and Sweat combined for 18 points in the first half, and the Wildcats led 26-23 going into the halftime break.

"I think the young ladies here at this table – Sweat, Lehning and Gipson – just continue to play amazing basketball for our program," Patterson said. "They put us in position to be competitive, they put us in position to compete and win games, and I think we saw that same thing today against a very good Kansas basketball team on the road."

The Jayhawks came out of the break and clawed at the Wildcat lead, and with a lay-up by Kelly Kohn, took a 31-30 lead with 16:31 remaining in the half. The Wildcats responded



and took back the lead, which they would not surrender.

Coming up strong in protecting the lead was Gipson as she proved to be a presence on the defensive side of the ball, recording two blocks late in the second half. She would finish the game with four blocks.

"I just look at those last five minutes and know that it's Lehning time on offense, and then on defense you just know Marlies is going to dominate," Patterson said.

With the victory, the Wildcats improve to 17-1 overall and 3-1 in conference play. The Wildcats will face Nebraska at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Bramlage.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
K-STATE 77, COLORADO 75

Wildcats end slide with OT victory

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

BOULDER, Colo. – The Wildcats were in the midst of their worst start in Big 12 Conference play in more than 12 years and had been battered and beaten by an average of nearly 19 points over their last three games.

They needed a cure for their losing woes, and the Wildcats (12-7, 1-4 Big 12 Conference) might have gotten just the right prescription Saturday in a struggling Colorado team. K-State outlasted the Buffaloes (8-10, 0-4 Big 12) with a hard-fought 77-75 overtime victory at the Coors Events Center.

"Anytime you win on the road, you should be excited," K-State coach Frank Martin said. "Road wins are never easy. I don't care what assumption you might make – it's never easy."

"Let alone we're as young as we are, we are somewhat fragile. We played like a team that wasn't sure how to win the game. For us to overcome all the mistakes that wouldn't allow us to solidify the win gives credit to these kids," he said.

Every time K-State made a run, Colorado seemingly had an answer.

The Wildcats had a chance to potentially ice the game after taking a 67-64 lead on a pair of Darren Kent free throws with 32 seconds remaining in the game.

On the ensuing possession, the Buffaloes lost control of the ball and Wildcat guard Fred Brown grabbed control of it. He would go to the free-throw line for a one-and-one after being tripped up by a Buffalo defender with 25 seconds remaining.

Brown missed the front-end and then, on a play that Martin called "inexplicable" after the game, allowed Buffalo guard Dwight Thorne II, who scored a career-high 30 points in the loss, to hit a wide-open 3-pointer at the top of the key with 10 seconds remaining, sending the game to overtime.

The 3-pointer would trim the score to 75-74 with six seconds remaining in the extra period, but Kent once again calmly sank a pair of free throws to push the lead to three.

Martin then had guard Jacob Pullen foul Thorne II with 2.8 seconds remaining, and the junior guard hit the front-end while missing the second attempt on purpose.

Kent grabbed the rebound but was whistled for a travel with 1.3 seconds remaining as he fell to the floor, haunting many Wildcat fans with the memory of the "Pervis Pasco fiasco" in the 2003 Big 12 Tournament against Colorado.

But this time was different, as a 3-pointer by Jermyl Jackson-Wilson at the buzzer bounced around and off the rim, giving the Wildcats the victory.

Martin said the win showed the character of his team, which he admitted, was scarred going into Saturday's game.

"I don't care what a team is, but when you got as many young kids as we got, and all of a sudden you get hit in the mouth five consecutive times – you have to step back and gather your senses – you have to punch back or else they're going to keep hitting you. I saw that happen during the course of the game. We continued to play well, then we weren't sure what to do, then we would make mistakes," Martin said.

Pullen, who had been marred in an 11-of-44 shooting slump in conference play, scored a team-high 17 points while Denis Clemente scored 15 points, all coming in the second half.

5 athletes capture titles in Conference Challenge

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Very rarely does a school have to rely on its conference rivals to win a competition.

However, that's exactly what the Wildcats had to do as they teamed up with Nebraska and Missouri to take on Air Force, Colorado State and Wyoming in the Big 12-Mountain West Conference Challenge Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

With points being awarded to the top-four finishers in most events – smaller events only awarded points to the top-two finishers – the Big 12 defeated the Mountain West by a score of 249-118.

Five Wildcats – three women and two men – won their respective events in the weekend meet.

Liliani Mendez won the women's mile run with a provisional qualifying time of 4:46.79. Lakeisha Pointer-Allen won the women's 400 with

a time of 57.37 seconds. TiAra Walpool finished first in the women's long jump – K-State's only win in field competition – with a distance of 40-3/4 meters.

In men's action, Mike Myer won the 200, finishing the race in 21.47, and Jason Collett captured the 800-meter championship with a time of 1:52.07.

In all, 11 Wildcats contributed points to the Big 12's victory.

After the competition's conclu-

sion, three athletes represented K-State in the Nebraska-Wesleyan Invitational. Emilee Morris led the Wildcats with a first-place finish in the 800 and a time of 2:22.76.

The track and field team will resume action Friday when it is host to the KSU Invitational, Heptathlon and Pentathlon.

The event, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Ahearn Field House, will begin at 10 a.m. on both days.

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Fliers promote health

By Jacie Noel
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women is posting fliers in bathrooms throughout the Manhattan and Salina campuses to provide information on various health and safety issues.

Topics on the fliers include sexual harassment, personal hygiene, rape and violence against women. The first of the series of fliers concerned hand washing.

Angela Hubler, director of women’s studies and ex-officio member of the Commission, said the goal of the fliers is to educate students on the topics, about which they previously might not have known much.

According to a K-State press release, the fliers will address issues included in the university’s policies and also pres-

ent information about resources related to them. They will be rotated on a regular basis.

Nancy Baker, committee chair for the Commission, said the idea for putting up fliers in the bathrooms came from having seen fliers posted at other universities.

The Commission is receiving help with this project from other groups on campus including President Jon Wefald’s office, the Manhattan Women’s Center, the International Food Safety Network, Greek Affairs and the Department of Facilities.

“We all believe it is important to get information to students on safety and health,” Baker said.

The fliers will be posted in about 420 bathrooms on both the Manhattan and Salina campuses, according to the release.

NBAF | Facility will bring growth; taxes might increase in Manhattan

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people will be employed during the construction of the facility.

“That’s just the workers, not including their families, and hopefully some of them might end up staying here after working on it,” Sherow said.

Sherow said many business firms that provide services for the work that will be going on at NBAF have also expressed interest in relocating to Manhattan, adding even more residents, children to the school system and retail consumers.

He also said the population growth due to the NBAF could cause the city to expand the police force or build a new fire station. Even without those, Sherow said the expansion will cost a large sum of money. The problem, he said, is that community members might have to bear some of the expansion cost until people move in and start paying property taxes, which generate the majority of funds for the city.

“So the huge question in front of us is how to meet those costs without unduly taxing the people who are already living in the city,” he said.

Like the K-State administration, though, Sherow embraced the NBAF relocation and the expansion it will cause in the K-State and Manhattan communities.

“Certainly it’s going to change the city,” he said. “It’s going to be moving the city industries and such more toward what’s called knowledge-based industries, and that could be very good.”

WREATH | NOMAS plans garden

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the Coretta Scott King Gardens of Engagement around the bust. The gardens were designed two years ago by the members of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students.

Kilmer said he makes monthly campus visits to work with NOMAS students and associate professor of landscape architecture and regional and community planning, La Barbara James Wigfall.

Wigfall, the adviser of NOMAS, said the gardens will encompass three ideas, which reflect the life of Dr. King: respect, education and action.

HOK will be assisting NOMAS students with construction documents and observations during all phases of garden construction.

Quinton Richardson, HOK project manager for the gardens, said they were designed to intimately surround the bust of Dr. King, and the total cost will be about \$1 million.

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